

I. Amendment to the Claims

Applicant has cancelled claims 1, 5, 8, 16 and 17 without prejudice, amended claims 2-4, 6-7, 9-15 and 18, and added new claims 19-28. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently Amended) The piece of furniture in accordance with claim 1 ~~±~~ 28,
wherein

the two engagement elements (7.2) and the counter-engagement element are
formed as grooves and are located opposite each other offset by 180°, each of which
has an insertion element (7.3) extending in an axis-parallel direction, and

the engagement elements (2.2) are peg-shaped protrusions matched to the
grooves.

3. (Currently Amended) The piece of furniture in accordance with claim 2,
wherein

the receivers ~~(7)~~ and the end sections ~~(2.1)~~ of the leg are correspondingly
embodied to be conically tapering toward a free end of ~~one of the end sections (2.1)~~
and dimensioned so that the ~~one~~ end section (2.1) is introduced with play with respect
to the receiver ~~(7)~~ in the axial direction and is fixed in place by subsequent rotation,
while supported free of play at a conical inside ~~(7.1)~~.

4. (Currently Amended) The piece of furniture in accordance with claim 3,
wherein

the engagement elements ~~(7.2)~~ and counter-engagement elements ~~(2.2)~~, as well as a dimensioning of the receiver (7) and the ~~one~~ end section ~~(2.1)~~ are laid out so that, with the leg attached, an upper front side of the leg (2) is supported on an upper inner surface of the receiver (7).

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) The piece of furniture in accordance with claim ~~5~~ 4, wherein ~~at least one of~~

~~the linear profiled elements and the transverse struts are~~ the socket member is
a hollow profiled elements which have includes openings on an underside that are matched to an exterior cross section of the inserts.

7. (Currently Amended) The piece of furniture in accordance with claim 6, wherein

~~the inserts (7) are~~ is in one of a cup shape and a hat shape and ~~are~~ is one of pressed and glued into the respective recess, riveted, and screwed from a top of ~~one of~~
~~the linear profiled element (4) and the transverse strut (5)~~ the socket member.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) The piece of furniture in accordance with, claim ~~8~~ 28, wherein ~~the linear profiled elements (4) are~~ socket member has a four-edged hollow profiled sections.

10. (Currently Amended) The piece of furniture in accordance with claim 9, wherein

an axis axes of the receivers ~~(7)~~ are is aligned obliquely upward and inward with respect to the table.

11. (Currently Amended) The piece of furniture in accordance with claim ~~1~~ 28 wherein the receivers ~~(7)~~ and the end sections ~~(2.1)~~ of the leg are correspondingly embodied to be conically tapering toward a free end of ~~one of the end sections (2.1)~~ and dimensioned so that the ~~one~~ end section ~~(2.1)~~ is introduced with play with respect to the receiver ~~(7)~~ in the axial direction and is fixed in place by subsequent rotation, while supported free of play at a conical inside ~~(7.1)~~.

12. (Currently Amended) The piece of furniture in accordance with claim ~~1~~ 28, wherein the engagement elements ~~(7.2)~~ and counter-engagement elements ~~(2.2)~~, as well as a dimensioning of the receiver ~~(7)~~ and the ~~one~~ end section ~~(2.1)~~ are laid out so that, with the leg attached, an upper front side of the leg ~~(2)~~ is supported on an upper inner surface of the receiver ~~(7)~~.

13. (Currently Amended) The piece of furniture in accordance with claim ~~1~~ 28, wherein the receiver ~~(7)~~ ~~in a form of a separate insert~~ is made of one of a plastic and a metal ~~and is fixed in place in respectively matched recesses in one of linear profiled elements (4) and transverse struts (5).~~

14. (Currently Amended) The piece of furniture in accordance with claim 13, wherein ~~at least one of the linear profiled elements and the transverse struts are~~ the socket member is a hollow profiled elements which ~~have~~ includes openings on an underside that are matched to an exterior cross section of the inserts.

15. (Currently Amended) The piece of furniture in accordance with claim ~~5~~ 28, wherein the inserts ~~(7) are~~ is in one of a cup shape and a hat shape and ~~are~~ is one of pressed and glued into the respective recess, riveted, and screwed from a top of ~~one of the linear profiled element (4) and the transverse strut (5)~~ the socket member.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) The piece of furniture in accordance with claim ~~4~~ 28, wherein an axis axes of the receivers ~~(7) are~~ is aligned obliquely upward and inward with respect to the table.

19. (New) A piece of furniture, comprising:

a leg comprising a pin extending radially outward on opposite sides of the leg;

a socket member;

a mounting component received in the socket member having a pair of opposed axial slots receiving portions of said pin extending radially from the leg, wherein the pin is moveable in the slots, such that the leg is axially moveable relative to the mounting component, wherein the mounting component further comprises a helical engagement member drawing the leg into the socket.

20. (New) The piece of furniture of claim 19, wherein the socket member is secured to an underside of a work surface on the piece of furniture.

21. (New) The piece of furniture of claim 19, wherein the mounting component is made of one of a plastic and a metal.

22. (New) The piece of furniture of claim 19, wherein the leg is a hollow tube.

23. (New) The piece of furniture of claim 20, wherein the socket is one of pressed and glued into a mating recess in the piece of furniture.

24. (New) The piece of furniture of claim 20, wherein the axis of the mounting component is aligned obliquely upward and inward with respect to the work surface.

25. (New) The piece of furniture of claim 19 wherein the helical engagement member is a slot.

26. (New) The piece of furniture of claim 25 wherein the helical engagement member communicates with the axial slot.

27. (New) The piece of furniture of claim 26 wherein the pin travels in the axial slot and helical

28. (New) A piece of furniture comprising:
at least one leg;
a hollow receiver shaped to receive an end section of the at least one leg,
wherein the hollow receiver comprises an engagement element formed as a helical segment at least partially encircling an inside of the hollow receiver, and a counter-engagement element formed on a respective outside of the end section of the leg;
wherein the engagement element engages the counter-engagement element for fixing the leg in place free of play;
wherein the receiver is formed as a separate insert fixed in place in a respectively matched recess in a socket member; and
wherein the insert engages the socket with a snap fit.